modification of Rule 17 (*vide* his letter No. 170—145, dated 1st September 1893). He admitted that in some cases there was real hardship by the completion of work becoming impossible for want of funds, the original estimate having to be greatly exceeded in consequence of unforeseen difficulties].

Dewan's reply.—The point will receive attention. There is nothing to prevent the advance being increased, that is to say, a further advance being taken to complete the work.

Subject No. 139.

Railway feeder Roads to be constructed from Provincial Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—Railway feeder roads are now constructed from Local Funds; but as the additional income thereby derived is credited to Government, such roads should be constructed and maintained from Provincial Revenue, the Local Funds being released for other more locally beneficial purposes.

Dewan's reply.—It is not true that we make a profit out of Railways. They are constructed mainly for the benefit of the public.

Subject No. 140.

Batta to witnesses in Criminal cases.

Summary of discussion.—Witnesses attending Criminal Courts from distant places should be paid batta. At present batta is but rarely paid and on no uniform principle. Some rules should be laid down for observance as in British India. It is now paid only where witnesses clamour for it.

Dewan's reply.—This is being done where the witnesses are poor.

Subject No. 141.

Appointment of Itinerant officers.

Summary of discussion.—Separate officers should be appointed for the purpose of making tours through Districts and superintending all Revenue, Police and Magisterial work done therein. This would be conducive to the improvement of the condition of the people.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 142

Building sites to be given away on payment of a fixed price.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of selling building sites in villages by public auction should be put a stop to. Such vacant sites should always be given to the owners of adjacent houses or on payment of a fixed price.

Dewa 's reply.—No such general rule can be aid down.

Subject No. 143.

Harihar (Sub-Taluk) should either be constituted into a Taluk or a Sub-Treasury attached to the Deputy Amildar's office.

Summary of discussion.—The Jamabandi of the Harihar Sub-Taluk being nearly a lakh of Rupees, it should either be constituted an independent Taluk or a Sub-Treasury should be attached to the Deputy Amildar's office.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered.

Subject No. 144.

Malebennur Jungles not to be reserved.

Dummary of discussion.—The Harihar Sub-Taluk is purely Maidan and the reservation of some of the Malebennur Jungles as State Forest has put the people to much inconvenience in the matter of firewood, &c. These Jungles do not contain valuable timber trees and may be left as before for the use of the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—This will be enquired into.

Subject No. 145.

Revision of assessment in Harihar Sub-Taluk is unnecessary.

Summary of discussion.—The assessment fixd on lands in the Harihar Sub-Taluk being already heavy, a revision thereof is unnecessary.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 146.

Raiyat's right to Sandal and other trees on occupied lands.

Summary of discussion.—Khatedars of Sarkar lands should be allowed to take for themselves such timber trees as "Tyaga" and "Bité" grown in their Khate lands as in the case of Inamdars. They must also be allowed to take sandal trees growing on their lands by the payment of a fixed sum in the shape of a seigniorage.

Dewan's reply.—No prohibition exists except in the case of sandal which is a Government monopoly.

Subject No. 147.

Extension of the Hospital building at Jagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The present Hospital building at Jagalur is too small. Two more rooms should be added for in-patients.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 148.

Travellers' Bungalow at Jagalur.

Summary of discussion.—A Travellers' Bungalow should be built at Jagalur for the use of officers who often visit it as it is the Head-quarters of a Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. An Inspection Lodge has been ordered.

Subject No. 149.

Removal of Bandhs on the top of bunds of Kattes.

Summary of discussion.—At Survey, boundary marks were often placed on Tank bunds whereby trees on these bunds though belonging to others were included within lands adjoining the bund and became the property of the owners of such lands. This should be rectified after careful inspection by Measurers now employed in the Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—Represent by petition in individual cases.

Subject No. 150.

Chitaldroog Town Water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—The project for the supply of water to the town of Chitaldroog from the tank on the Chitaldroog Hill by means of pipes should be taken in hand soon, Government lending the necessary funds to the Municipality which should at the same time be relieved of Police charges. The Sanitary Engineer has recently taken surveys and levels.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipality cannot be relieved of Town Police charges. The water-supply project is under investigation by the Sanitary Engineer.

Subject No. 151.

Timber Depot required at Chitaldroog.

Summary of discussion.—A Timber Depôt is required at Chitaldroog for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Chitaldroog and adjoining Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioner does not think that there is sufficient demand to justify this.